to approval by Delhi electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC). The year-wise amount approved by DERC for capital investment by these distribution companies and expenditure actually incurred is given below:

(Rs. in crores)

	BSES/ RPL	BSES/ YPL	NDPL
Investment approved for 2002-03	76.38	56.36	48.51
Capital investment made in 2002-03	57.60	42.00	48.51
Investment approved for 2003-04	423.32	335.50	287.37
Capital investment made in 2003-04	112.00	85.34	287.13
Investment approved for 2004-05	525.82	547.66	303.00

As per information made available by Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, according to BSES, a network optimization study was entrusted to power industry experts in order to optimize the benefits of the expenditure. -The study has since been concluded. The methodology adopted is to complete the investments in a period 12-18 months rather than invest over a 5 year period.

For improvement of transmission system Delhi Government had allocated a plan loan of Rs.97 crores and Rs.135 crores during the year 2003-04 and 2004-05 respectively to Delhi Transco Limited.

In the year 2003-04 against an allocation of Rs.97 crores to TRANSCO, Rs.92 crores were released by the Government of Delhi and Rs.85.25 crores have been utilized for system augmentation by TRANSCO.

Splitting of NTPC into four regional companies

371. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Task Force headed by Mr. N.K. Singh Fecommended splitting of NTPC into 4 regional companies to bring in competition;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has decided to circulate this recommendation to various concerned Ministries of their opinion;

(c) if so, whether the Ministry has got any response from other Ministries in this regard; and

(d) what are the other major recommendations made by the Task Force?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) Task Force on "Power Sector Investments and Reforms" has submitted its Report in February, 2004 recommending, *inter-alia,* draft National Electricity Policy and Tariff Policy.

Proper utilization of water for electricity production in Uttaranchal

†372. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether 40,000 MW electricity can be produced by proper utilization of water in Uttaranchal State;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Central Government in this regard; and

(c) whether Government would formulate any action plan in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) As per the "Reassessment studies of hydro-electric potential of the country" completed by Central Electricity Authority in 1987, the assessed hydro power potential in Uttaranchal is 9341 MW (at 60% load factor) which corresponds to a probable installed capacity of about 18, 175 MW.

Hydro-electric schemes having installed capacity of 988.85 MW (Schemes above 3 MW) are in operation in the State. Seven hydro-electric/multipurpose projects with total installed capacity of 3134 MW are under various stages of execution in the State.

Under 50,000 MW Hydro-electric initiative, 39 schemes with total intalied capacity of 6474 MW have been located in Uttaranchal. Out of these schemes, 12 Hydro-electric Schemes with total installed capacity of 2151 MW, for which PFRs, have been prepared, are being considered

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.